Profit made by Maruti Udyog

716. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the profits made by the Maruti Udyog Limited from the year 1983-84 to the year 1985-86; and

(b) what are the reasons for revision of the prices of Maruti cars from June 4, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) The profits made by the Company are as under:

(Rs. crores)

Year	Profit
1983-84	1·70
1984-85	0·90
1985-86	3·00

(b) Higher cost of production on account of appreciation of Yen and increased fiscal levies etc. made price increased inevitable.

Public sector enterprises for Uttar Pradesh

717. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh in a recent meeting with him has pleaded for more public sector enterprises and big industries to be set up in the hilly region Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bundel Khand and Western Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what is the response of the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have pleaded for more and more public sector enterprises and big industries to be set up in U.P. including the hilly regions. The Union Government is equally concerned about the investments in U.P. for its balanced development as in other States. The investment decisions of the Government are taken based on techno-economic considerations and cannot be guided by regional imbalances alone. However, while deciding the location of Central Projects in foot-loose industries imbalances, if any, would also be taken into account.

Permission to Arvind Benelli to manufacture scooters with foreign collaboration

718. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently granted permission to Arvind Benelli and Co. to manufacture scooters in collaboration with M/s. Benelli of Italy;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the scooters to be manufactured by Arvind Benelli are also belt-driven scooters similar to those to be introduced by Kinetic Honda; and

(c) whether the 12.5 c.c. scooters proposed to be manufactured by M/s. Arvind Benelli will be more powerful than the other 100 c.c. belt-driven scooters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposed scooters will develop 9.8 BHP at 6700 R.P.M.